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Note by the President of the Security Council

1. With the view to improving clarity and transparency, and to facilitate understanding by the press regarding the work of the Security Council, the following concrete elements are agreed:

- Reports by the Secretary-General will specify the date on which the document is physically and electronically distributed in addition to the date of signature by the Secretary-General. The Secretariat is encouraged, to the extent possible, to distribute its reports in all official languages on the date originally established for publication.

- The President of the Security Council will in public meetings introduce agenda items by specifying the agenda item/issue for consideration, unless otherwise agreed in the Council's prior consultations, and refer to all speakers at political and ambassadorial level by name and title. These names will, however, not have to be included in the official records or in advance in the briefing notes prepared by the Secretariat for the Presidency.

2. It is further agreed that briefings by the Secretariat in the Security Council consultation room should, as a general rule, include a printed fact sheet, which, whenever possible, should also be circulated to the members of the Council on the day prior to the consultations.

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